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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing are the specification, claims and abstract of the patent application of:

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For: **SYSTEM FOR TREATING WOUNDS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THIS SYSTEM**

☒ Also enclosed are:

☐ Executed declaration or oath.

☒ 2 sheets of drawings

☐ A Recordation Form Cover Sheet and an assignment of the invention (\$40.00 check enclosed)

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☒ Other: Certified French Application No. 98 09858 filed July 31, 1998.

☒ The benefit of priority under 35 USC 119 is hereby claimed from the following foreign application(s): French Application No. 98 09858 Filed July 31, 1998.

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Title: SYSTEM FOR TREATING WOUNDS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THIS SYSTEM

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